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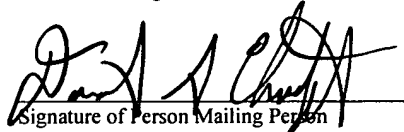
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Please amend Claim 10 as follows:

10 (Amended). The method of claim 9 wherein said -- indemnification is a -- financial instrument [is] designed to protect against loss associated with interruptions in the delivery of said second tier commodity.

Remarks

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2000. Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.



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